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Dear Father,

Following the June 2011 meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Timothy Dolan, USCCB President, authorized diocesan bishops to permit the gradual implementation of musical settings of the Order of Mass from the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. These musical settings would introduce the faithful to the revised translation of the *Glory to God*, the *Holy, Holy, Holy* and the acclamations at the Mystery of Faith (Memorial Acclamations).

Bishop Loverde has decided to permit parishes to begin using the new musical settings and revised translation of the above-mentioned parts of the Order of Mass starting in September. This permission will allow the faithful to become more accustomed to the revised translation of certain sung parts of the Mass in preparation for the full implementation of the *Roman Missal* on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26-27, 2011. Please note that this permission applies only to the *Glory to God*, the *Holy, Holy, Holy* and the Memorial Acclamations when these are sung; it does not apply to these parts when they are spoken, or to any other part of the Order of Mass.

Pastors, parochial administrators and chaplains for our diocesan high schools and college campus ministries are asked to communicate Bishop Loverde's decision to their music directors, as choirs and musicians will need time to practice new musical settings before introducing them to the faithful during the celebration of the Mass. You might also consider the need for an explanation and catechesis in regard to an early introduction of the singing of certain elements of the revised translation of the *Roman Missal*. This could be done through preaching, announcements at Mass, bulletin inserts, etc. The revised texts of the *Glory to God*, the *Holy, Holy, Holy* and the Memorial Acclamations are attached as a reminder of the translation to be used. You may want to distribute copies of these texts for use by the faithful if you plan on implementing new musical settings in September.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Fraternally in Christ,

Rev. Paul deLadurantaye, S.T.D.
Diocesan Secretary for the Sacred Liturgy

Attachment